

**Placer County Children and Families Commission  
December 13, 2001 Meeting Highlights**

**Recognition of Commissioner Tom Simms**

Tom is leaving the Commission in January after serving a two-year term. The CFC and the community thanked Tom for his dedication to children's services. Tom praised the Commission for keeping this initiative "all about kids".

**Update on CFC Planning Meeting**

The Commission will convene in a planning meeting to be held on February 22, 2002. Through conversation and neutral facilitation the CFC will dialogue and identify actions around theme questions such as:

- In looking at the past, what were the principles, values and practices that got us to where we are today? What do we want to keep from the past? What do we want to do differently? What might be some new strategies?
- In looking at the present what is happening now with this partnership in relation to the principles and spirit of our plan? What have we become?
- In looking to the future what are the opportunities facing us as we attempt to take full advantage of the Commission's place in history as an autonomous commission with a responsibility to serve all children prenatal through five and their families? What does our desired future beckon us to do? To be?

Participants other than the CFC will be: One or two community representatives from each of our advisory groups (Child Care Planning Council, Children's Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee, Greater Collaborative); HHS staff assigned to the CFC (Coordinator, Analyst,

Epidemiologist); David Gray – Placer Institute (Consultant and Partner);  
Tad Kitada – Workshop Facilitator (Consultant and Partner)

### **Report from the Application Review Committee**

The committee had its first meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup> to get oriented and grounded in the self-organizing principles governing the current Request for Results. They will meet again on January 9, 2002 to begin reviewing applications. All meeting of the committee are open to the public. The members of the committee are: Bunny McDole, Vicki Spannegel and Denise Land of the Greater Collaborative; Jill Harper and Sandra Naylor Goodwin of the CFC; Francine Nunes of the Local Child Care Coordinating Council; Jennifer Cannell, and Seanna Doherty of the Children's Collaborative of Tahoe Truckee; David Gray of the Placer Institute; Nancy Baggett, Debra King and Michelle Fernandez of the Health and Human Services Department. Support for the committee will be provided by Don Ferretti, Janice Critchlow and Melinda Harrell.

### **Update on CFC Outcome Faire**

On February 8, 2002, the CFC will sponsor its first "Outcome Faire" (See link under "NEW"). This event is part of our empowerment evaluation continuum. It is envisioned as a place where the community can see what the CFC Partner Network is doing and learn about the wonderful services available in Placer County for children 0-5 and their families. Also, the Partner Network will have an opportunity to showcase their Prop. 10 funded services and demonstrate outcome data.